

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PARIS 09557 151923Z

70

ACTION ERDA-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 OES-05 NRC-07 ACDA-10 CIAE-00

INR-07 IO-10 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-07 /073 W

----- 020250

R 151915Z APR 75

FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8535

INFO USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

UNCLAS PARIS 09557

DEPT FOR OES, PASS NRC (LAFLEUR) AND ERDA (SIEVERING)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TECH

SUBJECT: MINOR FRENCH NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS

REF: STATE 54464

1. THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF TWO ACCIDENTAL SPILLS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL RESPONDS TO REFTEL AND IS BASED ON OFFICIAL GOF RELEASES.

2. TRAIN ACCIDENT: ON DECEMBER 3 AT 0700, A RAIL-ROAD CAR CARRYING NATURAL URANIUM CONCENTRATE FROM THE TREATMENT PLANT AT BESSINES RECEIVED A HEAVY SHOCK WHILE IN THE STATION AT NARBONNE. A CONTAINER WAS DAMAGED. SUBSEQUENTLY, A SMALL PART OF ITS CONTENTS, ABOUT 50 KG OF URANIUM CONCENTRATE, FELL ON THE TRACKS OF THE SPURLINE LINKING THE STATION TO THE PLANT AT MALVESY. THE USUAL CIVIL PROTECTION SERVICES ASSISTED BY A SPECIALIZED TEAM FROM THE NUCLEAR CENTER AT MARCOULE RECOVERED ALL THE SPILLED NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

3. TRUCK ACCIDENT: ON FEB 12, 1975, AROUND 7 A.M., A TRUCK CARRYING CONTAINERS OF SODIUM URANATE HAD TO BRAKE SUDDENLY AND TWO CONTAINERS WERE PROJECTED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PARIS 09557 151923Z

OUT OF THE TRUCK. A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF URANATE

SPILLED ON THE ROAD, ROUTE NATIONALE 113, BETWEEN PEZENAS AND BEZIERS. SPECIALIZED TEAMS FROM THE NUCLEAR CENTERS AT MARCOULE AND MALVESARRIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO REMOVE THE URANATE AND CLEAN THE ROAD SURFACE. THE CENTRAL SERVICE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST IONIZING RADIATION OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH ALSO SENT A REPRESENTATIVE. AT HIS REQUEST, 400 SQUARE METERS OF ROAD SURFACE WAS TAKEN UP DURING THE NIGHT OF FEB 12, AND THE DEBRIS TRANSPORTED TO THE NUCLEAR PLANT AT MALVESI. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE ROAD WAS RESURFACED AND CIRCULATION RESTORED BY THE AFTERNOON OF FEB 13. NO TRACE OF RADIOACTIVITY REMAINED.
STONE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: RAILROAD ACCIDENT, TRUCKS, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, NUCLEAR FUELS, NUCLEAR HAZARDS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PARIS09557
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750132-0106
From: PARIS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750451/aaaabuvb.tel
Line Count: 75
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ERDA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 54464
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <27 JUN 2003 by BalzMJ>; APPROVED <28 JAN 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MINOR FRENCH NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS
TAGS: TECH, FR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006